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## MEMORANDUM

To: Dale Hall, Wayne White,  
CVPIA Service Staff and AFRP Core Group

From: Martin Kjelson and Dan Castleberry

Subject: Final "internal" review of draft AFRP Plan dated November 8, 1995

Enclosed in the subject document for one final review prior to later November release to the Washington office folks within DOI and public release in early December. Thanks to all of you and your staffs for the useful input over the last few months (or is it years!).

We believe we can see the "light at the end of the tunnel". Considerable effort has been made to use your suggestions and we hope the revision has resolved your concerns.

There are still some sensitive issues in the document that could "draw some fire" but we believe we can defend our position on them. These include: 1) how we deal with the (b)(2) water in the Delta and Stanislaus River including PEIS alternatives for Delta, 2) how we handle artificial production issue and (b)(18) (Striped bass fishery), 3) priorities of species, watersheds, actions, 4) how close we come to the doubling goal, 5) how implementation will go, i.e., who will coordinate it, how does a party do "one stop shopping", role of each FWS office, 6) link between AFRP and Cal Fed Bay/Delta long term program, 7) working to reflect flows on non-CVP streams, 8) AFRP Plan relative to Doolittle Bill, etc., and possibly others.

A few things are still "rough" or not finished. One is the linkage between strategy priorities and implementation priorities; also we need to decide what the Plan will look like in December relative to the "laundry list" of reasonable action you see now.

We plan to rank/prioritize all actions and evaluations in the next week and then categorize them as to what is implemented in FY96 and what we recommend to be in the near term plan of 1-5 years. This assumes we can do this on a "fast track".

The actions description would remain very short in December draft but be more detailed in the final draft (particularly those CVPIA elements we control in USFWS/USBR). Finally, we still need to quantify the flows in CVP streams (and export cuts and flows in the Delta possibly) in terms of what were base flows, working paper flows and AFRP reasonable flows. We can do that in the next couple of weeks and include in draft to show that our flows are indeed reasonable.

We will need your feedback very soon, hopefully by the 15th. We have a stakeholder meeting on the 16th and will need to send this to D.C. by the 20th at latest if we are going to go to the printer the last week of November. Dale and Wayne, you may need to alert D.C. of our need for fast turnaround.

Ideally, all of you could call us or E-mail or fax comments to improve efficiency. If any major "red flags" come up, we'll need to resolve them immediately. We need to keep this confidential to only yourselves. Thanks again for all you help.

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